



Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

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Minutes of the May 16, 2017 Board Meeting

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: June 1, 2017 AT 7:30 PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 20, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Officers Present: Commodore: Butch Wagner
Vice Commodore: Jeff Roberts
Treasurer: Jo Anne Wells
Chester Rear Commodore: Jeremy Sawyer
Secretary: Geri McCarthy

Board of Directors Present: Dave Jenks
Dave Lankowski
Chris Romano
Beth Sexton
Fred Seidel
Jeff Sexton

Absent: Agawam Rear Commodore: Rich Hardina

Secretary: Will re-send certified notification to members who did not pay annual dues.

Treasurer:	Account Balances:	Permanent:	\$28,090.74
		Agawam:	\$8,328.87
		Chester	\$22,351.12
		House:	\$11,190.73
		Future:	\$22,156.28
		Checking:	\$92,101.25

Request to make adjustments to two entries on the expense sheet will be taken care of and Treasurer will check on the status of Agawam tax bills which are off by one quarter.

Vice Commodore: two work parties were very successful and a lot was accomplished. A cleaning list will be posted for flag members this weekend. The floors in the hall will be done this weekend. Thanks to Gary Smith for helping with the house code and Fire Marshall's inspection issues. The fee is expected to be between \$200 - \$300 for Affordable Duct Work to clean and stamp. An electrical connector on the hood still needs to be re-routed and batteries installed next week to complete the inspection.

Agawam Rear Commodore: It was noted by the attending board members that SYCC members who have boats in the basin or who use the ramp are expected to assist with removal of tree and debris on the docks. A separate communication has been sent to all SYCC members via email.



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Chester Rear Commodore: There are 3 South side slips and 1 South side sublet available. We will have a work party Saturday, May20, 2017 starting at 9 AM. Electric, light and power are complete.

Membership: The following member was presented for Flag Membership:

Jon Peters, sponsored by Jeremy Sawyer and Wendy Goulet – board voted unanimously to accept.

Former Member Ed Sordillo requested to reinstate membership within 5 years from leaving as a member in good standing and the board affirmed unanimously.

Entertainment Committee: The Tuesday night socials have begun. Please join us and meet the members! The tag sale has been postponed until fall.

Nominating Committee, Planning Committee, and Quartermaster: No report.

Finance Committee: Al Gag is suggesting we raise dues to \$395.00

By Law committee: The committee recommends removal of the 10% restriction and vote on the increase. There is a recommendation to change the initiation fee to \$200.00, to consider family membership, and to have 20% of fees stay in the basin.

The following proposals were voted on by the board:

Proposal to suspend 10% increase by law for 2 years and then reinstate it.
Dues would be increased for each of the 2 years increasing cash flow by \$52.40 year
Board voted 0 yes and 11 no

Proposal regarding Article X, Section 4. Work party assessments – proposal that full members may purchase a waiver for a work party for \$100.00. This option is limited to 20 members on a first come basis. Request must be emailed to the commodore or vice commodore prior to the day of the work party.

Justification: Potential of generating \$4000 a year, minimize make ups and adds a convenience factor for those who so choose. Board voted 1 yes and 10 no.

Proposed change to Section 3. Initiation fee By law page 17

Proposal that a non-refundable initiation fee of \$200 shall be required of all newly elected members. This fee shall be transferred to the Permanent Fund. No initiation fee shall be required of a member's spouse who applies for membership.

Justification: Members have suggested that the initiation fee equal to the annual dues is preventing new members from joining the club.
Board vote 11 yes 0 no



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Proposal to include the annual dues in the by laws section 1. Annual dues Page 17

The annual dues shall be \$262 effective 2017 (example). The finance committee shall recommend any increase in the annual dues, fees and assessments to the membership through the Board of Directors.

Justification: 1. Members have a resource to find out the annual dues if the need to. 2. It used to be listed in previous by laws 3. It is recommended by Roberts Rules.
Board voted 11 yes and 0 no

Proposal to add family members to an existing active membership. Section 2 Active members page 4

- A. Only voting members in good standing may vote upon active status applicants. The vote shall be by secret ballot at a regular meeting and five negative votes shall reject it and membership will be terminated. Applicants shall be notified of the results by mail.
- B. Active members can designate their spouse or significant other as a family member. The definition of a family member is that of a flag member with no obligation for work parties, attending meetings or becoming an active member after one year.
- C. Exception – a family member, who was an active member before June 2017 will have grandfathered voting rights, can hold elective or appointed office. No other rights will be extended to the grandfathered member. The grandfathered member will pay 50% of the annual dues for this right.

Justification: With the new definition for active member it would be unfair to expect an existing member who gives up their rights with the club after years of dedicated service to the club, being active on committees, boards and as an officer.
Board vote 9 yes 2 abstain

Proposal to change the wording on Applications received during summer months to remove the verbiage “user fee”

The membership will collect the annual fee and non-refundable annual dues. Board voted 11 yes 0 no

Proposal to change the re-application process to include that any former member applying for reinstatement must appear before the board of directors and the membership committee to be voted back in. Board voted 11 yes 0 no

Unfinished Business: A previous member, Ken Kaufman, approached the board at the last board meeting and stated he was interested in rejoining. He was previously sponsored by Ed Spellacy, Jr. and Joe Giannetti. The board did not have any reason to deny this request.



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We still have an open issue regarding a lack of financial policy. Dave Lankowski volunteered to assist and it was determined that Jeff Roberts, Rich Hardina, Jeremy Sawyer and the finance committee should be included in the development of this policy.

New Business: If any member wants to challenge a decision of the Rear Commodore he or she should first send written or verbal request to the basin committee. If the member is unhappy with the outcome of that meeting he or she should approach the board the Board of Directors.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri McCarthy
Secretary



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House Budget	Actual 2016	Projected 2017		
Income	\$ 50,364.00	\$ 56,186.00		
Expenses	\$ 54,633.99	\$ 59,505.00		
	\$ (4,269.99)	\$ (3,319.00)		
Agawam Taxes	\$ 8,923.79	\$ 9,045.00		
Chester Taxes	\$ 8,961.04	\$ 9,000.00		
Insurance	\$ 13,576.00	\$ 14,000.00		
	\$ 31,460.83	\$ 32,045.00		

Amount of Annual Dues per Member for taxes and insurance projected 2017 based on

		136 Members	150 Members
		\$ 235.63	\$ 213.63
Annual Dues		\$ 262.00	\$ 262.00
Taxes and Ins		\$ 235.63	\$ 213.63
remaining for bills		\$ 26.38	\$ 48.37
		136 Members	150 Members
2017 20% from Basins	\$ 8,172.00	\$ 60.09	\$ 54.48
2017 Apartment Income	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 50.74	\$ 46.00
	\$ 15,072.00	\$ 110.82	\$ 100.48
Proposed Annual Dues \$395			
		136 Members	150 Members
Annual Dues		\$ 395.00	395
Taxes and Ins		\$ (235.63)	\$ (213.63)
20% and Apartment		\$ (110.82)	\$ (100.48)
remaining		\$ 48.55	\$ 80.89